

SURVEY

The Legislature is addressing many issues that will impact Washington's future. You can be a critical part of this important discussion by returning this brief survey, which will help me better serve you in Olympia.

1. Do you believe the state transportation strategy for the past 20 years of funding mass transit and adding HOV lanes is the right direction for future increases in state transportation spending?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Do you support Gov. Locke's transportation funding proposal and tax increases, including a 9 cent-per-gallon gas tax increase, a new 2% auto and truck sales tax, an increase in the weight-mile tax on trucks and recreational vehicles, and a 12 cent-per-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Who should decide whether we have any new user fees or taxes for transportation in our state?

☐ Legislative referendum to the people
☐ The Legislature

4. Would you be more or less likely to support a transportation funding plan that puts a "firewall" around the money, making sure the money is spent on roads, bridges and highways?

☐ More likely ☐ Less likely

5. What do you believe is the most critical issue facing our state? Please rank in order of importance from a high of 1 to a low of 7.

_____ Public schools
 _____ Property taxes
 _____ Government over-regulation
 _____ State transportation system

_____ Energy and utility issues
 _____ State budget
 _____ Washington business climate

I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with me!

Comments: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 E-mail: _____



From the desk of
Rep. Mike Carrell • 28th District

Dear friends and neighbors,

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We can all agree that this past legislative session was too long. But contrary to media reports, we passed some very important legislation - legislation that will make a difference for our families and communities. These accomplishments range from a comprehensive energy program to landmark water legislation.

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We can all agree that this passage of very important legislation - legislation that will make a difference in our lives. Our accomplishments range from a comprehensive energy program to landmark water legislation.

As you heard on the news, the Legislature has not yet reached agreement on new funding for our statewide transportation system.

Our region has a transportation problem, the question is whether a massive 40 percent tax increase is the answer. I believe the Legislature couldn't come to an agreement on this issue.

As you heard on the news, the Legislature has not yet reached an agreement on transportation funding for four reasons:

- 1. The proposed tax increase was simply too big - the biggest tax increase in state history. A more modest increase would reduce the governor's fear of sending the proposed measure to the voters for an overnight and it won't be

- While the Puget Sound region has seen a significant increase, that is NOT focused on building roads and bridges, is an agreement on transportation funding for four reasons:
- First, the governor's proposed tax increase was simply too big - the biggest tax increase in state history. A more reasonable and fiscally responsible tax increase would reduce the governor's fear of sending the proposed legislation to a vote of the people. Gridlock in the Puget Sound region wasn't created overnight and it won't be solved overnight.
 - Second, spending billions more for mass transit is too much and doesn't address the real problem. For over 20 years, the transportation budget has spent billions of dollars on transit even though transit continues to move less than 4 percent of the people in our state. Future transportation funding needs to focus on the real need - more general purpose roads and more capacity on those roads, not just mass transit and HOV lanes. We must direct funds to highway projects and bridges that actually reduce traffic congestion on our freeways while improving traffic safety and overall mobility. The governor's plan was not designed to reduce congestion - I want a plan that is.
 - Third, any tax proposal must have a firewall around the money, making sure that new transportation money is dedicated to building roads that you can actually drive on. Transportation spending must be more accountable and wasteful bureaucracy reduced. This would begin the process of rebuilding public trust.
 - The last and most essential principle is a vote by the people. A vote gives you a voice and a choice regarding new transportation funding. The governor, however, backed away from his campaign promise to put this issue before the voters.
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There are still those in Olympia, including me, who want to protect your voice in government. Remember, government is supposed to solve problems, not just spend money! I hope you find some reassurance in knowing that either by legislative action or by gathering public signatures, the likelihood of a public vote is good - giving you the final say regardless of what happens in Olympia.

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The governor's plan simply puts too much focus on mass transit and HOV lanes which do not help the vast majority of people who use our state and local roads. The governor's proposed plan - at best - will not reduce the Puget Sound region's traffic problems.

The governor's plan simply won't work for the majority of people who use our state and local roads. The governor's plan is not a solution to the Puget Sound region's traffic problems.

We need a focused and fair approach, because this is about more than just building roads - it's about rebuilding trust. I am convinced that if the right package is put together with the right safeguards, people will support it.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. I look forward to participating in the survey to share your comments and concerns with me on transportation and all of the

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Please use the attached survey to share your comments and concerns with me on transportation and all of the important issues facing the Legislature.

Mike

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P.S. I am committed to solving the REAL problem of not enough capacity on our roads and to offering the RIGHT solution that brings REAL relief to traffic congestion.

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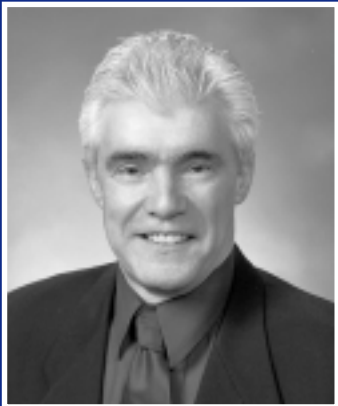
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